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The references were cited in a Chinese Office Action and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the references, **WO 01/027667, US 6,266,467, and JP 2003-084163**, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on October 16, 2006.

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